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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT IN SWAZILAND COUP

1. JOHANNESBURG STARY EDITOR JOHN JORDI TOLD CONSUL GENERAL APRIL 16 PAPER RECEIVED REPORTS FROM SWAZILAND SHORTLY BEFORE APRIL 12, COUP THAT OVER PERIOD OF SEVERAL WEEKS PRECEDING ACTION NUMBER OF SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL ARRIVED IN SWAZILAND TO TRAIN KING' S NEW ARMY. JORDI SAID PAPER NOT FOLLOW-ING UP ON REPORTS SINCE, EVEN IF IT OBTAINED CORROBORATIVE EVIDENCE, IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PRINT STORY.

2. JORDI ALSO RELATED THAT WHEN HE VISITED SWAZILAND ON HOLIDAY FEW WEEKS AGO, HE WAS SHAKEN WHEN UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT SOUTH AFRICAN REVEALED DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF HIS CONTACTS WITH BANNED NUSAS LEADER PAUL PRETORIUS IN CAPE TOWN FEW DAYS EARLIER. HE SAW THIS AS EXTENT OF LIAISON BETWEEN SA SECURITY APPARATUS AND SWAZI GOVERNMENT. DECONTROL FOLLOWING DECEMBER 31, 1973.
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